

STATE	PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REQUIRED	WHAT MUST BE DISCLOSED	EXEMPTIONS FROM DISCLOSURE
Alabama	Permissive	Name of the child; child's whereabouts; names and addresses of parents, guardians or caretaker; character and extent of injuries; evidence of previous injuries to child; any other pertinent information that might establish the cause of previous injuries; identity of person responsible for previous injuries	None
Alaska	Permissive	Unspecified "information"	Child's name, picture, or other information that would lead to identification if withholding is in the best interest of the child; information that would interfere with a criminal investigation or proceeding or a defendant's right to a fair trial
Arizona	Mandatory	<p>"Preliminary information"—name, age and location of child; the fact that the child suffered a fatality or near fatality; name, age and location of perpetrator; past or current cases of abuse and neglect involving child or perpetrator; actions taken in response to fatality or near fatality</p> <p>As much "additional information" about the case as possible</p>	<p>May withhold information at any point—if reasonably necessary to protect the identity and safety of a person reporting abuse or neglect and to protect any other person's life and safety; if there would be a specific, material harm to a criminal or CPS investigation</p> <p>"Additional information" that would violate the privacy rights of victims</p>

			of crime is not subject to disclosure
Arkansas	Mandatory	<p>Pending on a report of fatality or near fatality—age, race and gender of child; date of child's death; allegations or preliminary cause of death; county and placement of child at time of incident; relationship of perpetrator to child; agency investigating; legal action taken; services offered or provided at time of incident or in the past; name of child (not required to be released in near fatality)</p> <p>On true report of a fatality—summary of previous investigations (nonidentifying in near fatality); summary of current investigation (nonidentifying in near fatality); all risk and safety assessments completed on the child (not required in near fatality); information about criminal charges, if known; and any action taken by the Dept. for Human Services or the State Police</p>	Information identifying the person reporting the abuse or neglect without a court order; information on siblings of the child; attorney-client communications; any information the release of which would jeopardize a criminal investigation
California	Mandatory	Fatality—age and gender of child; date of death; whether child was in foster care or in home of parent or guardian at time of death; whether an investigation is being conducted. Upon completion of investigation—previous referrals of abuse or neglect; any emergency response referral forms; cross reports; risk and safety assessments; health care records (excluding	Identifying information of all persons listed in the records (other than the information about the child specifically required to be disclosed); any information that would jeopardize a criminal investigation or proceeding; any information that is privileged, confidential, or not subject to

		<p>mental health) related to death or previous injuries reflecting pattern of abuse or neglect; police reports about the perpetrator; any applicable foster care documents; all reported foster care licensing violations; records of foster parent training</p> <p>Near fatalities—age and gender of child; date of incident; child's residence at time of incident; whether an investigation was conducted; whether physician, law enforcement, or other agency determined the incident was caused by abuse or neglect.</p>	disclosure pursuant to any other state or federal law
Colorado	Permissive— “disclosure...shall be permitted only when authorized by a court for good cause,” and disclosure shall not be prohibited in cases of fatality or near fatality	Name and address of the child and family and “other identifying information”	None
Connecticut	Permissive	Unspecified “information or findings...in general terms”	Records that contain privileged communications or are confidential pursuant to federal law or regulation unless authorized by law; information the disclosure of which would jeopardize a pending investigation
Delaware	Mandatory	Unspecified “summary information and findings”	Unspecified, but “the facts and circumstances of each death [or] near death...shall be

			confidential”
District of Columbia	Mandatory	All public records in the possession of any DC agent or compiled, received or created during the course of an investigation; written summary including child’s name and name of parent or guardian (except in cases of near fatality where child’s name or P/G name has not previously been disclosed), confirmation of receipt of all reports, results of investigations, description of conduct of most recent investigation and services rendered, statement of basis for agency’s determination; basis for finding of abuse or neglect; identification of services provided and outcomes; actions taken by agency in response to abuse or neglect reports; any other pertinent information	Withholding permitted for well-being of child; life and physical safety of any person; prevent interference in an ongoing investigation; deprive a person of due process rights; disclose identity of reporting individual; identity of birth parent if child has been adopted and there has been no contact; personal or private information
Florida	Mandatory for fatalities Mandatory upon court order (or lack of court action within 24 hours of request for permission to release) for near fatalities	Fatalities—“all records,” including reports made to the central abuse hotline and all records generated as a result of such reports Near fatalities—“summary information” including a confirmation that an investigation has been conducted, dates and description of procedural activities undertaken, and the date of judicial proceedings and a summary of same	Fatalities—information identifying the reporting individual; any information otherwise made confidential or exempt by law
Georgia	Mandatory	Unspecified “available facts and findings”	Any information that would jeopardize a

			criminal investigation of proceedings; identifying information to protect confidentiality of child, other children in the household, and the child's parents or guardians; child's medical and mental health records made confidential by other provisions of law
Hawaii	Mandatory	<p>Fatalities—information regarding the child and child's family, including but not limited to social, medical and legal histories; death and birth certificates; law enforcement investigative data; medical examiner investigative data; parole and probation information and records; information and records of social services agencies; educational records; health care institution information</p> <p>Near fatalities—authorized to release "all or a portion of the record"</p>	Attorney-client privileged information; identifying information of reporting individual if the individual so requests; any information that would permit identification of any person
Idaho	Mandatory	Unspecified "information" required to be disclosed under CAPTA	None
Illinois	Mandatory	Cause of death or injury; any extraordinary or pertinent information regarding the circumstances; identification of services provided or actions taken regarding the child or child's family within 5 years prior to the incident; any action taken after the incident; recommendations	Information that may cause mental harm to the child, the child's siblings or another child living in the household; mental health information; attorney-client privileged information; identity of reporting individual; information that may

		for policy changes if appropriate; whether the alleged perpetrator has been charged with a crime	undermine an ongoing criminal investigation
Indiana	Mandatory	Summary report and factual description; date of birth and gender of child; cause of fatality or near fatality; whether the state had contact with child or perpetrator prior to the incident; frequency or contact with child or perpetrator and date of last contact prior to the incident; summary of status of child's case at time of the incident	Identifying information of all individuals and the child
Iowa	Mandatory	Any relevant child abuse information concerning the child or child's family and the state's response and findings; a summary of information that would otherwise be confidential as to whether the child's family was using social services at the time of the incident or five years prior; recommendations made; summary of an evaluation of the response to the incident	Mental health and psychological information; attorney-client or work product privilege; identity of reporting individual; information that would cause mental or physical harm to child, sibling or other child in house; information that would jeopardize an ongoing investigation or the rights of an alleged perpetrator; any information the release of which is a violation of federal law
Kansas	Mandatory	Unspecified "reports or records"	May exclude information at the request of an "affected individual" if the information would affect an ongoing investigation, the privacy of the child, child's siblings, other children in the home, and the parent or guardian

Kentucky	Permissive	Unspecified "information" on fatalities and near fatalities	None specified in statute
	Mandatory	Internal Reviews of cases with prior involvement; summaries of internal reviews	
Louisiana	Permissive	Unspecified "limited public disclosure of summary information contained in the...records"	Information concerning the reporting individual
Maine	Mandatory (only upon completion of investigation)	Name and age of child; determination of state agency and findings of investigating agency; identification of services provided or actions taken regarding child or child's family; whether any abuse or neglect allegation regarding child has been substantiated; any actions taken by state agency in response to reports of abuse or neglect; whether the child or child's family received care or services prior to any report of abuse or neglect; any other extraordinary or pertinent information	Where disclosure would jeopardize an ongoing investigation; information identifying reporting individual; names of child's siblings, parent or guardian (unless they are the subject of the report)
Maryland	Mandatory	Name of child (in a fatality only); date of report and date of any prior or subsequent reports; findings made by local department at conclusion of investigation and the disposition made; any services provided, number of referrals to, and prior adjudications of need for the child, the child's household and the alleged perpetrator; status of any case open at time of incident; summary of the incident including date; any	Where disclosure would jeopardize an ongoing investigation or prosecution; identity of reporting individual; name of the child in a near fatality; names of siblings, parents, guardians, or alleged abusers

		other information deemed consistent with the public interest	
Massachusetts	Mandatory, but only to provide annual written reports to the public	Unspecified "findings and recommendations"	None
Michigan	Mandatory for fatalities Permissive for near fatalities, if in the best interest of the child	"[I]nformation in a child's protective services case record related specifically to the department's actions in responding to a complaint of child abuse or neglect"	Identification information regarding individuals (other than the perpetrator) in the file; information in a law enforcement report; information specifically designated as confidential under other law; information not related to the department's actions in responding to a report
Minnesota	Mandatory, if the perpetrator is charged (or could have been charged but for his or her death) with a crime	Dates, outcomes and results of actions taken or services rendered; results of any review of a child mortality review panel or public agency; confirmation of receipts of abuse and neglect reports by the state agency, including a confirmation of any investigation, results, description of the conduct of the most recent investigation, services rendered and a statement of the basis for the agency's determination	All records are considered private unless expressly required to be disclosed; medical records; identity of reporter
Mississippi	Mandatory	Child's name and address; verification of case status, if any; type of report or case and date of intakes and investigations; disposition of case	Information related to an investigation

Missouri	Permissive	Unspecified "findings and information"	None
Montana	Permissive to members of specific categories, including the media, where disclosure is not detrimental to the child or harmful to an individual named in the records	"[C]onfirmation of factual information regarding how the case was handled"	Any information that would violate the privacy rights of the child or the child's parent or guardian
Nebraska	Permissive	Includes, but is not limited to, child placement, terms of contact, hearing dates, reason for removal, number of placements, permanency objectives, court-ordered services, status of any court process	Information the disclosure of which is contrary to the best interest of the child; identifying information (excluding names) and protected health information; name of reporter or foster parents (unless foster parent is the alleged perpetrator)
Nevada	Mandatory	Summary of the report; date of birth and gender of child; date of incident; cause of the fatality or near fatality; whether the state agency had contact with the child or family and if so, the frequency of contact, whether any services were provided, whether the child or family was referred for services, any other actions taken, and a summary of the child's case at the time of the incident; and any planned services in response to the incident	Identity of reporting individual; name of child or family member names; attorney-client privileged information; information that would undermine a pending investigation or prosecution
New	Mandatory	Name of child (fatality only);	Identity of reporting

Hampshire		name of legally responsible party; date of any report to department on child; statutory basis and supporting allegations of all reports; referral of reports and priority assigned; date of referral; date and type of contact following referral; date of completion of assessment; findings and basis of findings; identification of services and actions taken; other extraordinary or pertinent information disclosure of which is consistent with the public interest	individual
New Jersey	Permissive	Unspecified "findings and information"	Life, safety and emotional well-being of child; life or safety of any other person; information that would compromise an investigation or prosecution
New Mexico	Mandatory (fatalities only)	<p>Prior to investigation's conclusion--age and gender of child; date of death; whether child was in foster care or parent or guardian's home at the time of the incident; whether an investigation is being conducted</p> <p>After investigation—summary of investigation; law enforcement report; medical examiner's report</p>	Information that would jeopardize a prosecution or investigation; identifying information of reporting parties; information that is privileged, confidential or not subject to disclosure pursuant to state or federal law
New York	Permissive	Name of child; determination and findings of state agency; identification of services provided to the child and child's family; whether any report of abuse has been	None

		“indicated”; actions taken by local agencies in response to reports of abuse; whether child’s family received care or services prior to each and every report of abuse; any other extraordinary or pertinent information the disclosure of which is deemed to be in the public interest	
North Carolina	Mandatory, if the perpetrator is charged (or could have been charged but for his or her death) with a crime	Dates, outcomes and results of actions taken and services rendered; results of any review of a public body; results of the investigations; description of the conduct of most recent investigation	No confidential information; psychiatric, psychological or therapeutic evaluations; identifying information of reporting individual; information that would jeopardize a pending investigation or prosecution or a defendant’s rights; information that would cause harm to a minor child residing in the deceased or injured child’s household
North Dakota	Permissive	Unspecified “reports or recommendations”	Identity of persons reporting and of the children and parents involved
Ohio	Mandatory	Unspecified “information”	None
Oklahoma	Mandatory where a person has been charged with a crime	Confirmation of any report; dates, summary, and outcomes of any previous report or investigation; dates of prior judicial proceedings; recommendations submitted at any prior judicial proceeding; rulings of court in any prior judicial proceeding	Identifying descriptions of person reporting abuse; names of siblings or other children in the house; names of any other member of the household other than the person charged
Oregon	Mandatory	Unspecified “reports and	None

		records”	
Pennsylvania	No general public disclosure	Quarterly and annual reports to the governor and general assembly summarizing findings in these cases	No identifying information
Rhode Island	Permissive	Unspecified “findings or other information”	May exclude information not “deemed necessary”
South Carolina	Permissive	Generally unspecified, but limited to “discussion of activities taken in handling the case, including information placed in the public domain”	None
South Dakota	Mandatory	Unspecified “findings or information”	Identity of any child; any information that would jeopardize a pending investigation or proceeding
Tennessee	Mandatory	Unspecified “information”	None
Texas	Mandatory (fatalities only)	Findings related to the death; recommendations on how to prevent similar deaths and details surrounding the state agency’s involvement with the child	None
Utah	No statutory policy	n/a	n/a
Vermont	Permissive	Unspecified “findings or information”	Information that would jeopardize a pending investigation or proceeding
Virginia	Mandatory	Fact that a report has been made; whether investigation has been initiated; results of any completed investigation; whether previous reports have been made concerning the child or any other child living	Information that would endanger the life, safety or well-being of a child or the life and safety of any other person; information that would compromise a pending

		in the child's house and the date thereof; the agency's activities in handling the case	investigation or proceeding
Washington	Mandatory in all cases for fatalities Mandatory if there have been criminal charges in near fatalities	Unspecified "information"	Information the release of which is not in the best interests of the child or child's siblings or other children in the house
West Virginia	Mandatory	Unspecified "information"	Information identifying the reporting individual
Wisconsin	Unclear—the statute has been repealed and is being revised	n/a	n/a
Wyoming	No statute or regulation, but a general policy toward disclosure	Reports generally contain cause of the incident, whether there was any prior involvement with the child, subsequent action taken by the authorities and disposition of investigation and judicial proceedings	None